

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO.12

May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: DEATH INVESTIGATIONS OF JUVENILES UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE - REVISED.

PURPOSE: This Order revises Department Manual Section 4/238.17, *Death Investigations of Juveniles Under 11 Years of Age*, to update who officers must contact when they are assigned a radio call involving the undetermined death of a juvenile under 11 years of age. Officers must call Juvenile Division, Abused Child Section, during business hours, and Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division, during non-business hours.

PROCEDURE: Department Manual Section 4/238.17, *Death Investigations of Juveniles Under 11 Years of Age*, has been revised. The revised Manual Section is attached with the revisions indicated in italics.

AMENDMENT: This Order amends Section 4/238.17 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Internal Audits and Inspections Division, will review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection will be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Chief of Police

Attachment

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Officers assigned a call involving the preliminary investigation of the *undetermined* death of a juvenile under 11 years of age, *must* contact Juvenile Division, Abused Child Section.

Note: During non-business hours, patrol personnel *must* contact *Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division*.

Juvenile Division detectives are responsible for investigating and processing the crime scenes. This investigative procedure ensures that all efforts are maximized in gathering evidence and in preserving the critical witness testimony required for a successful prosecution.

Exception: *Area detectives are responsible for investigating deaths resulting from the violation of California Penal Code Section 12035 - Storage of Firearms Accessible to Children.*